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Unemployment Rate Is Lowest Since 1974; Payroll Employment Larger Than Expected

The nation's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell 0.3 of a point to 5.3 percent in June, the lowest level since May 1974 when it was 5.1 percent. A year ago, the rate was 6.1 percent. Also in June, seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by a strong 346,000 after an upward revised gain of 221,000 in May. However, payroll employment rose more slowly in the second quarter than in the first and fourth quarters. Although 70 percent of the total gain in June was in the service-producing industries, employment in the goods-producing sector picked up considerably as employment in both construction and manufacturing rose much faster in June.

Other Barometers Show Healthy Growth In June And The Second Quarter

The preliminary estimate showed the real gross national product rose a still healthy 3.1 percent in the second quarter after a gain of 3.4 percent in the first quarter. Also, retail sales and industrial posted satisfactory increases in June. Although housing starts rebounded in June, they are not expected to show strength in the second half.

Unemployment Rate Rises Modestly; Large Gain In Adjusted Payroll Employment May Have Been Overstated

Minnesota's seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate rose 0.2 of a percentage point to 3.4 percent in June as the labor force grew faster as a result of students and graduates entering the labor market. The rate was 5.2 percent in June 1987.

Although seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by a healthy 7,400 in June, the rise may have been exaggerated by a jump of 3,000 in employment in local schools. Seasonally adjusted employment numbers in local education are very volatile in the summer months. The other large gains in June were in durable goods manufacturing, retail trade and business, social and health services. Over the year, total payroll employment grew by 60,700 or 3.1 percent. The largest over-the-year increases were services, trade and manufacturing.

Labor Force Estimates	MINNESOTA (Numbers in Thousands)			UNITED STATES (Numbers in Millions)		
	June 1988	Change From		June 1988	Change From	
		Last Mo.	Year Ago		Last Mo.	Year Ago
Civilian Labor Force	2,373.9	31.9	89.3	123.0	2.3	1.9
Employed	2,293.4	27.0	127.8	116.2	2.0	2.7
Unemployed	80.5	4.9	-38.5	6.8	0.3	-0.8
Unemployment Rate						
Actual	3.4	0.2	-1.8	5.5	0.1	-0.8
Seasonally Adjusted	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	5.3	-0.3	-0.8

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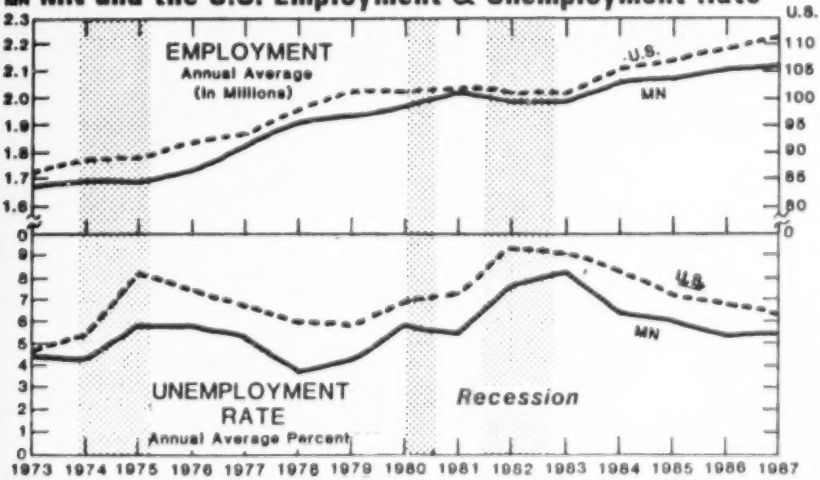

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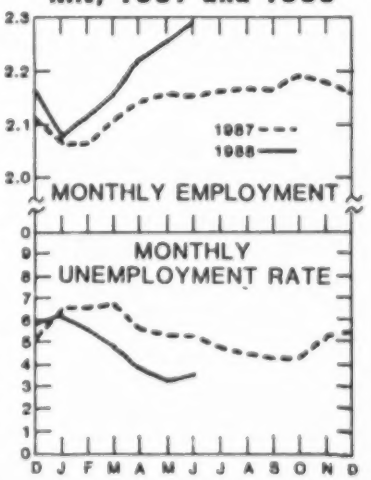

Minnesota Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment, Hours & Earnings

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT1/ (thousands)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM		PRODUCTION WORKERS' HOURS & EARNINGS2/					
						Average Weekly Earnings		Av. Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Hrs.	
	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987	May 1988	June 1987	June 1988	June 1987	June 1988	June 1987	June 1988	June 1987
Total Nonagricultural	**2,043.0**	**2,026.5**	**1982.0**	**0.8**	**3.1**	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing	**391.1**	**383.6**	**378.7**	**2.0**	**3.3**	**431.26**	**424.97**	**10.57**	**10.34**	**40.8**	**41.1**
Durable Goods	233.0	229.5	222.2	1.5	4.9	456.71	454.10	10.90	10.71	41.9	42.4
Lumber and Furniture	23.9	22.8	21.4	4.7	12.0	493.23	505.31	12.30	11.67	40.1	43.3
Stone, Clay and Glass	9.4	9.1	9.1	3.9	3.3	451.69	429.08	10.48	10.44	43.1	41.1
Primary Metals	7.1	7.0	6.5	1.9	9.1	412.80	412.53	9.60	9.44	43.0	43.7
Fabricated Metals	34.0	33.9	33.0	0.4	3.2	520.30	510.07	12.10	11.78	43.0	43.3
Nonelectrical Machinery	81.7	80.3	79.4	1.7	2.8	473.91	474.03	11.23	11.18	42.2	42.4
Office and Computing	39.5	38.5	39.9	2.6	-1.0	519.26	539.40	12.02	11.96	43.2	45.1
Electrical Machinery	29.5	29.5	27.7	0.3	6.8	355.97	365.85	8.64	8.69	41.2	42.1
Transportation Equipment	10.6	10.6	9.7	0.3	9.5	536.11	497.99	12.24	11.69	43.8	42.6
Scientific Instruments	30.8	30.6	29.9	0.7	3.1	440.37	413.41	10.46	10.01	42.1	41.3
Misc. Manufacturing	5.8	5.7	5.5	2.3	6.6	390.46	393.79	9.86	10.02	39.6	39.3
Nondurable Goods	158.0	154.1	156.5	2.6	1.0	400.14	389.08	10.13	9.85	39.5	39.5
Food and Kindred	47.6	44.3	47.3	7.4	0.7	357.94	348.80	8.86	8.57	40.4	40.7
Textiles and Apparel	4.8	4.8	5.0	0.1	-3.3	287.27	262.09	7.54	6.79	38.1	38.6
Paper and Allied	32.6	32.2	33.0	1.1	-1.4	498.19	489.72	11.89	11.66	41.9	42.0
Printing and Publishing	46.8	46.6	45.3	0.3	3.2	398.89	383.29	10.81	10.53	36.9	36.4
Chemicals and Petroleum	11.0	11.0	10.9	0.0	0.4	519.38	474.00	12.73	12.00	40.8	39.5
Rubber, Plastic & Leather	15.3	15.1	14.9	1.0	2.4	352.24	341.20	8.94	8.66	39.4	39.4
Nonmanufacturing	**1,651.9**	**1,642.9**	**1,603.0**	**0.5**	**3.0**	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mining	7.5	7.1	6.8	4.8	10.3	571.43	548.70	12.87	12.85	44.4	42.7
Metal Mining	5.3	5.2	4.7	2.0	13.4	600.14	594.32	13.86	14.05	43.3	42.3
Construction	85.6	80.8	88.4	5.9	-3.2	626.46	597.56	15.43	15.09	40.6	39.6
Transp., Comm., Pub. Util.	101.0	101.7	100.1	-0.7	0.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation	66.6	67.5	66.5	-1.4	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trucking & Warehousing	26.0	25.6	26.7	1.6	-2.9	395.27	408.34	12.43	12.01	31.8	34.0
Comm. & Public Util.	34.4	34.2	33.6	0.6	2.4	566.17	580.68	14.48	14.59	39.1	39.8
Trade	509.6	502.5	494.7	1.4	3.0	230.58	229.58	7.79	7.73	29.6	29.7
Wholesale	125.8	124.5	121.5	1.1	3.5	408.62	418.35	10.81	10.81	37.8	38.7
Retail	383.8	378.0	373.2	1.5	2.8	178.70	175.61	6.57	6.48	27.2	27.1
Building Materials	18.7	18.1	18.3	3.4	2.3	333.37	322.91	8.57	8.52	38.9	37.9
General Merchandise	55.5	54.5	52.8	1.8	5.0	155.09	143.67	6.13	5.77	25.3	24.9
Food Stores	52.0	51.2	49.9	1.5	4.2	201.76	199.87	7.08	6.94	28.5	28.8
Automotive	41.3	41.0	40.3	0.7	2.5	336.30	324.58	9.29	8.82	36.2	36.8
Apparel	19.5	19.3	19.1	0.8	1.7	120.01	122.91	5.31	5.23	22.6	23.5
Home Furnishings	17.1	16.9	16.1	1.5	6.5	239.94	231.17	7.36	7.53	32.6	30.7
Eating and Drinking	131.3	128.7	129.0	2.0	1.7	104.04	104.85	4.68	4.66	23.3	22.5
Fin., Insur., Real Estate	124.8	123.6	120.7	1.0	3.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Finance	57.0	56.7	55.8	0.6	2.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	46.0	45.7	44.1	0.7	4.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Real Estate	21.7	21.2	20.9	2.6	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Services	497.5	495.3	476.7	0.4	4.4						
Personal Services	25.2	25.4	24.0	-0.8	5.2						
Business Services	99.2	97.6	91.9	1.7	7.9						
Repair Services	20.7	20.5	19.6	1.1	5.3						
Health Services	153.1	152.2	148.9	0.6	2.8						
Hospitals	53.2	52.7	51.4	0.9	3.6						
Nursing Homes	41.2	40.8	41.6	0.8	-1.0						
Legal Services	15.0	14.8	14.3	1.6	4.9						
Private Education	21.3	26.6	21.1	-19.9	1.0						
Government	325.9	331.8	315.9	-1.8	3.2						
Federal	34.4	34.1	33.4	1.0	2.9						
State	75.8	83.4	73.4	-9.1	3.3						
Education	37.9	45.9	36.8	-17.4	3.2						
Local	215.7	214.4	209.1	0.6	3.2						
Education	113.8	117.8	108.3	-3.4	5.1						

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Minneapolis–St. Paul MSA

By Kevin Alaspa

Unemployment Rises Slightly In June

After several consecutive months of decline, the unemployment rate rose slightly in June. Seasonal factors were largely responsible as large numbers of students and recent graduates entered the labor force. Even though employment increased, the total labor force increased by a larger amount, causing the number and percentage of unemployment to rise. This normally happens in June, and was anticipated this year.

Certain Industries Experience Employment Gains

Wage and salary employment increased by 5,800 (0.4 percent) in June. Manufacturing employment rose by 2,100 after many months of only slight gains, and growth took place among nearly all types of manufacturing industries. Construction added 1,800 jobs, while retail trade employment grew by 1,600. Services increased by 2,800 positions, mostly in health services firms. Government employment fell by 3,100 as the 1987-88 school year ended.

Total wage and salary employment has grown 2.7 percent since June 1987, and the steady pattern of growth over the past year has reflected the strong economy in the Twin Cities metropolitan area. Another indicator of favorable economic conditions has been the number of persons receiving unemployment benefits. During the reference week for June 1988, this figure was six percent lower than for the comparable period a year ago.

Even though some further gains in the various industry sectors are likely, no major changes are expected in the next few months. Summer work such as construction is fully in progress, and no unusual employment changes are likely between now and fall. Particular industries such as food processing will not hire as many seasonal workers because of this summer's severe drought. Nevertheless for most industries a strong employment situation will be the norm for the rest of the summer. The unemployment rate is expected to change only slightly.

Labor Force Estimates

AREA	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMP. RATE		
	Jun. 1988	May. 1988	Jun. 1987	Jun. 1988	May. 1988	Jun. 1987	Jun. 1988	May. 1988	Jun. 1987
Mpls-St.Paul MSA*	1,360,958	1,350,262	1,293,770	41,532	38,726	59,891	3.0	2.8	4.4
REGION 11	1,278,502	1,268,524	1,214,808	38,711	35,828	55,721	2.9	2.7	4.4
Anoka	128,103	127,103	121,721	4,214	3,955	6,023	3.2	3.0	4.7
Carver	23,495	23,312	22,325	536	553	882	2.2	2.3	3.8
Dakota	134,733	133,681	128,020	4,064	3,874	5,956	2.9	2.8	4.4
Hennepin	615,106	610,306	584,462	18,752	16,992	26,493	3.0	2.7	4.3
Ramsey	278,004	275,835	264,154	8,336	7,705	12,385	2.9	2.7	4.5
Scott	27,640	27,424	26,263	841	856	1,334	3.0	3.0	4.8
Washington	71,421	70,863	67,863	1,968	1,893	2,648	2.7	2.6	3.8
Chisago	14,006	13,897	13,308	538	615	810	3.7	4.2	5.7
Isanti	12,079	11,984	11,477	388	400	668	3.1	3.2	5.5
Wright	31,979	31,730	30,385	1,169	1,163	1,547	3.5	3.5	4.8
St. Croix, WI	24,392	24,127	23,792	726	720	1,145	2.9	2.9	4.6
Bloomington	57,974	57,522	55,086	1,835	1,650	2,581	3.1	2.8	4.5
Minneapolis	214,466	212,792	203,781	7,493	6,720	10,590	3.4	3.1	4.9
St. Paul	147,588	146,436	140,235	5,106	4,706	7,843	3.3	3.1	5.3

* Chisago, Isanti and Wright counties are a part of the Minneapolis-St. Paul MSA, and are also included in Region 7.

Note: Add employment and unemployment to calculate civilian labor force.

Mpls.–St. Paul Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment, Hours & Earnings

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT1/ (thousands)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM		PRODUCTION WORKERS' HOURS & EARNINGS2/					
						Average Weekly Earnings		Av. Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Hrs.	
	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987	May 1988	June 1987	June 1988	June 1987	June 1988	June 1987	June 1988	June 1987
Total Nonagricultural	**1,326.5**	**1,320.7**	**1,291.6**	**0.4**	**2.7**	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manufacturing	262.0	259.9	254.1	0.8	3.1	467.93	459.09	11.33	11.17	41.3	41.1
Durable Goods	163.8	162.2	157.6	1.0	4.0	482.47	476.85	11.46	11.22	42.1	42.5
Lumber and Furniture	10.3	9.7	9.7	6.9	6.8	539.97	549.81	13.17	12.30	41.0	44.7
Stone, Clay and Glass	3.7	3.7	3.4	-0.6	8.6	508.56	479.98	11.91	11.65	42.7	41.2
Primary Metals	5.1	5.1	4.8	1.5	6.2	420.53	406.60	9.45	9.22	44.5	44.1
Fabricated Metals	26.1	26.1	25.6	0.1	2.0	539.33	536.92	12.75	12.40	42.3	43.3
Nonelectrical Machinery	64.2	63.7	62.2	0.9	3.3	489.41	486.60	11.57	11.29	42.3	43.1
Office and Computing	31.8	31.6	31.8	0.8	0.1	492.82	497.20	11.79	11.30	41.8	44.0
Electrical Machinery	16.6	16.5	15.6	0.5	6.4	367.94	370.75	9.13	9.41	40.3	39.4
Transportation Equipment	5.9	5.9	5.6	0.2	6.8	732.72	629.73	15.69	14.51	46.7	43.4
Scientific Instruments	28.6	28.4	27.5	0.6	3.8	453.42	421.06	10.77	10.32	42.1	40.8
Misc. Manufacturing	3.3	3.2	3.2	1.8	0.6	389.46	414.56	9.91	10.39	39.3	39.9
Nondurable Goods	98.2	97.7	96.5	0.5	1.7	446.62	433.62	11.11	11.09	40.2	39.1
Food and Kindred	18.6	18.5	17.9	0.8	3.8	524.37	440.49	11.35	10.77	46.2	40.9
Textiles and Apparel	2.2	2.3	2.1	-0.2	6.6	276.75	250.66	7.50	6.83	36.9	36.7
Paper and Allied	25.1	25.0	25.5	0.3	-1.5	447.63	454.26	11.39	11.30	39.3	40.2
Printing and Publishing	32.4	32.2	31.6	0.6	2.5	405.04	414.18	10.83	11.41	37.4	36.3
Chemicals and Petroleum	9.3	9.3	9.3	0.5	0.4	564.85	529.91	13.71	13.02	41.2	40.7
Rubber, Plastic & Leather	10.5	10.4	10.1	0.5	3.9	403.19	405.57	9.98	9.82	40.4	41.3
Nonmanufacturing	1,064.5	1,060.8	1,037.5	0.3	2.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mining	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.8	-0.2	312.50	208.78	8.98	8.03	34.8	26.0
Construction	56.0	54.2	57.4	3.4	-2.4	661.40	612.17	16.66	16.59	39.7	36.9
Transp., Comm., Pub. Util.	70.5	71.2	69.2	-1.0	1.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation	47.8	48.4	47.8	-1.3	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trucking & Warehousing	15.6	15.6	16.3	-0.1	-4.2	365.94	374.95	12.84	12.74	28.5	29.5
Comm. & Public Util.	22.7	22.8	21.4	-0.2	6.0	552.34	568.11	14.69	14.31	37.6	39.7
Trade	323.5	321.1	316.6	0.8	2.2	263.22	253.44	8.63	8.42	30.5	30.1
Wholesale	87.0	86.2	82.5	1.0	5.4	436.99	451.13	11.38	11.45	38.4	39.4
Retail	236.5	234.9	234.1	0.7	1.0	206.18	192.85	7.39	7.09	27.9	27.2
Building Materials	11.3	10.9	10.6	3.4	6.1	387.50	353.98	9.81	9.49	39.5	37.3
General Merchandise	38.5	38.1	38.1	1.1	1.0	164.10	159.98	6.41	6.06	25.6	26.4
Food Stores	27.6	27.4	28.1	1.0	-1.8	269.88	235.42	8.65	8.09	31.2	29.1
Automotive	23.7	23.5	23.2	0.8	1.9	405.17	400.02	11.04	10.39	36.7	38.5
Apparel	12.6	12.7	12.7	-0.3	-0.7	112.78	119.36	5.32	5.45	21.2	21.9
Home Furnishings	11.5	11.6	11.3	-0.6	2.5	247.82	211.28	8.02	7.09	30.9	29.8
Eating and Drinking	80.9	80.1	80.7	0.9	0.2	120.68	113.06	5.27	5.07	22.9	22.3
Fin., Insur., Real Estate	96.8	96.4	93.9	0.4	3.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Finance	41.5	41.6	39.9	-0.1	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	38.3	38.1	37.0	0.5	3.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Real Estate	17.0	16.8	16.9	1.6	0.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Services	337.2	334.4	324.8	0.8	3.8						
Personal Services	18.1	18.1	17.2	-0.4	4.9						
Business Services	81.8	81.1	79.3	0.9	3.1						
Repair Services	15.4	15.3	14.5	0.5	6.2						
Health Services	85.8	85.3	83.8	0.6	2.4						
Hospitals	31.0	30.8	30.7	0.6	1.3						
Nursing Homes	21.7	21.7	21.9	0.1	-0.8						
Legal Services	11.9	11.7	11.3	1.6	5.4						
Private Education	14.9	16.4	14.6	-8.8	2.3						
Government	179.8	182.9	175.0	-1.7	2.8						
Federal	20.8	20.8	20.1	0.0	3.4						
State	53.2	55.3	51.3	-3.7	3.8						
Education	28.8	30.9	27.7	-6.7	4.0						
Local	105.8	106.9	103.6	-1.0	2.1						
Education	55.8	58.9	54.7	-5.3	2.1						

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Central and Northwest Minnesota

Labor Force Estimates

AREA	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMP. RATE		
	Jun. 1988	May. 1988	Jun. 1987	Jun. 1988	May. 1988	Jun. 1987	Jun. 1988	May. 1988	Jun. 1987
St. Cloud MSA	92,427	93,556	84,527	3,676	3,170	5,207	3.8	3.3	5.8
REGION 1	42,118	40,891	39,530	2,651	2,637	3,521	5.9	6.1	8.2
Kittson	2,502	2,487	2,358	163	172	233	6.1	6.5	9.0
Marshall	4,670	4,754	4,409	489	471	699	9.5	9.0	13.7
Norman	3,806	3,677	3,581	193	210	281	4.8	5.4	7.3
Pennington	6,420	6,221	5,991	421	377	470	6.2	5.7	7.3
Polk	14,258	13,891	13,690	911	880	1,247	6.0	6.0	8.3
Red Lake	1,460	1,423	1,421	196	202	299	11.8	12.4	17.4
Roseau	9,002	8,438	8,080	278	325	292	3.0	3.7	3.5
REGION 2	30,886	30,670	28,638	1,628	1,619	2,358	5.0	5.0	7.6
Beltrami	16,014	15,960	15,023	724	707	1,071	4.3	4.2	6.7
Clearwater	3,424	3,325	3,119	361	347	456	9.5	9.4	12.8
Hubbard	7,392	7,284	6,767	339	364	498	4.4	4.8	6.9
Lake of Woods	1,842	1,788	1,726	60	75	110	3.2	4.0	6.0
Mahnomen	2,214	2,313	2,003	144	126	223	6.1	5.2	10.0
REGION 4	97,667	96,290	92,041	3,993	3,476	5,504	3.9	3.5	5.6
Becker	14,037	13,971	13,498	682	655	932	4.6	4.5	6.5
Clay	25,320	25,568	23,938	882	735	1,234	3.4	2.8	4.9
Douglas	15,963	15,368	14,744	596	540	673	3.6	3.4	4.4
Grant	2,865	2,829	2,754	113	117	144	3.8	4.0	5.0
Otter Tail	24,249	23,693	22,740	1,227	985	1,696	4.8	4.0	6.9
Pope	4,653	4,536	4,163	190	166	299	3.9	3.5	6.7
Stevens	5,000	4,893	4,963	98	93	185	1.9	1.9	3.6
Traverse	2,179	2,104	2,090	61	62	90	2.7	2.9	4.1
Wilkin	3,401	3,328	3,151	144	123	251	4.1	3.6	7.4
REGION 5	60,415	59,120	56,473	3,090	2,887	4,145	4.9	4.7	6.8
Cass	9,044	8,546	8,484	627	580	861	6.5	6.4	9.2
Crow Wing	21,885	21,167	20,360	923	867	1,284	4.0	3.9	5.9
Morrison	14,474	14,430	12,807	760	713	986	5.0	4.7	7.1
Todd	10,157	10,139	10,070	569	528	654	5.3	4.9	6.1
Wadena	4,855	4,838	4,752	211	199	360	4.2	4.0	7.0
REGION 6E	55,299	54,205	50,804	2,118	1,942	2,956	3.7	3.5	5.5
Kandiyohi	19,870	19,658	17,651	621	618	864	3.0	3.0	4.7
McLeod	17,901	16,913	16,537	614	440	760	3.3	2.5	4.4
Meeker	8,441	8,603	7,930	445	429	636	5.0	4.7	7.4
Renville	9,087	9,031	8,686	438	455	696	4.6	4.8	7.4
REGION 7E	51,313	50,673	47,714	2,288	2,361	3,223	4.3	4.5	6.3
Chisago	14,006	13,897	13,308	538	615	810	3.7	4.2	5.7
Isanti	12,079	11,984	11,477	388	400	668	3.1	3.2	5.5
Kanabec	5,871	5,864	5,476	344	372	461	5.5	6.0	7.8
Mille Lacs	9,484	8,990	8,410	429	393	557	4.3	4.2	6.2
Pine	9,873	9,938	9,043	589	581	727	5.6	5.5	7.4
REGION 7W	124,406	125,286	114,912	4,845	4,333	6,754	3.7	3.3	5.6
Benton	14,514	14,691	13,274	587	517	894	3.9	3.4	6.3
Sherburne	17,423	17,635	15,933	906	746	1,037	4.9	4.1	6.1
Stearns	60,490	61,230	55,320	2,183	1,907	3,276	3.5	3.0	5.6
Wright	31,979	31,730	30385	1,169	1,163	1547	3.5	3.5	4.8

* Benton, Stearns, and Sherburne counties

Note: Add employment and unemployment to calculate civilian labor force.

St. Cloud MSA Nonfarm Wage & Salary Employment

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salary	**71,769**	**73,113**	**67,905**	**-1.8**	**5.7**
Total Manufacturing	**12,616**	**12,268**	**12,005**	**2.8**	**5.1**
Durable Goods	6,971	6,888	6,888	1.2	4.2
Nondurable Goods	5,645	5,380	5,317	4.9	6.2
Total Nonmanufacturing	**59,153**	**60,845**	**55,900**	**-2.8**	**5.8**
Construction & Mining	4,086	3,900	4,095	4.8	-0.2
Transp., Comm., & Public Util.	3,603	3,518	3,353	2.4	7.5
Total Trade	22,500	22,259	21,177	1.1	6.2
Wholesale Trade	3,700	3,650	3,446	1.4	7.4
Retail Trade	18,800	18,609	17,731	1.0	6.0
Finan., Insur., & Real Estate	2,426	2,406	2,323	0.8	4.4
Total Services	14,284	14,953	13,751	-4.5	3.9
Health Services	5.198	5,167	4,882	0.6	6.5
Other Service	9,086	9,786	8,869	-7.2	2.4
Government	12,254	13,809	11,201	-11.3	9.4

By Ron Daws

Unemployment Generally Down From A Year Ago, But Up From May

Except for Regions 1 and 7E, Unemployment rates rose over the month. In all regions, however, rates were considerably lower than a year ago. Meanwhile, employment rose in all regions except the St. Cloud area.

Although the St. Cloud MSA's nonfarm payroll jobs dropped nearly two percent since May, they continue to exceed the year ago level. Nonfarm payroll jobs dropped to 71,769 in June from 73,113 in May, but still exceeded the 67,905 working during June 1987 by 5.7 percent. Only three years ago, in June 1985, there were 10,000 (or 16 Percent) fewer nonfarm jobs in the MSA.

Government and nonmedical services were the two job losers since May. Government declined because of the completion of the '87-'88 school year. Therefore, much of the overall monthly drop was seasonal.

Since June 1987, every major industry has added workers except construction and mining. The 5.7 percent increase in nonfarm payroll jobs was the largest for any stste MSA, but not unusual for St. Cloud where the monthly over-the-year increase has ranged between 4.6 and 7.4 percent during 1988.

Two of the fastest growing industries in the MSA, trade and services, now employ 51.3 percent on the nonfarm payroll workers--36,784 of the 71,769 June jobs. Ten years ago they collectively employed 22,807, 44.7 percent of the nonfarm jobs. Both grew by 62 percent over the decade. Other comparitive ten-year growth rates are: Manufacturing 22%; construction and mining 24%; transportation, communications and public utilities 12%; finance, insurance and real estate 42%; and government 18%.

Northeast Minnesota

By Ron Daws

Region 3's Unemployment Rate Down Over The Month, But Duluth's Is Up Slightly

Unemployment was well below last year's level and down somewhat from May except in Duluth where the rate rose from 5.0 to 5.1 percent. Duluth's employment, however, rose over the month and year.

The Duluth MSA's nonfarm payroll employment fell a little short of last June's level, dropping nearly one percent. Employment levels for all of 1988 have been marginally below those of 1987 due to huge cutbacks in construction. Throughout the first six months of 1988, only about half as many people have worked in construction as worked during the first half of 1987.

Other than the 7.1 percent decline in nondurable goods manufacturing jobs, and the small drop in wholesale trade, all other Duluth MSA industries gained workers over the year. Especially strong were health services and transportation, communications and public utilities. Over the long term, however, these two industries have been losing jobs.

Manufacturing employment, which fell 3.5 percent below June 1987's level, was still up slightly over the month, and above the levels of June of '83, '84, and '85. Over the last decade, however, manufacturing employment has fallen from 6,258 to 3,870, a 38.2 percent decrease. Duluth's total nonfarm payroll employment, in fact, has dropped over the decade--from 46,599 in June 1978, to 44,011 in June 1988, or by 5.6 percent.

One of the fastest employment losing industries, transportation, communications and public utilities, employes only 62 percent as many people now as it did in June 1978. Other notable employment losers over the decade in Duluth are: Wholesale trade, down 28 percent, and retail trade, down 10 percent. Local government conversely, has grown by 23 percent.

Labor Force Estimates

AREA	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMP. RATE		
	Jun. 1988	May. 1988	Jun. 1987	Jun. 1988	May. 1988	Jun. 1987	Jun. 1988	May. 1988	Jun. 1987
REGION 3	134,126	131,647	127,349	7,990	7,926	13,145	5.6	5.7	9.4
Aitkin	4,990	5,149	4,744	371	376	547	6.9	6.8	10.3
Carlton	12,324	12,019	11,368	733	713	1,013	5.6	5.6	8.2
Cook	2,840	2,551	2,680	104	116	160	3.5	4.3	5.6
Itasca	16,692	16,249	15,865	1,219	1,182	1,850	6.8	6.8	10.4
Koochiching	7,845	7,579	7,084	443	390	543	5.3	4.9	7.1
Lake	3,912	3,711	3,770	358	385	665	8.4	9.4	15.0
St. Louis	85,523	84,389	81,838	4,762	4,764	8,367	5.3	5.3	9.3
City of Duluth	36,915	36,425	35,324	1,967	1,932	2,715	5.1	5.0	7.1
Balance St. Louis	48,608	47,964	46,514	2,795	2,832	5,652	5.4	5.6	10.8

Note: Add employment and unemployment to calculate civilian labor force.

Duluth and Duluth-Superior Nonfarm Wage & Salary Employment

INDUSTRY	DULUTH EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE		DULUTH-SUPERIOR EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE	
	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987	Mo. Ago	Yr. Ago
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary	**44,011**	**43,684**	**44,367**	**0.7**	**-0.8**	**90,377**	**89,999**	**89,799**	**0.4**	**0.6**
Total Manufacturing	**3,870**	**3,867**	**4,012**	**0.1**	**-3.5**	**7,872**	**7,720**	**7,591**	**2.0**	**3.7**
Durable Goods	1,606	1,585	1,575	1.3	2.0	4,326	4,182	4,056	3.4	6.7
Nondurable Goods	2,264	2,282	2,437	-0.8	-7.1	3,546	3,538	3,535	0.2	0.3
Total Nonmanufacturing	**40,141**	**39,817**	**40,355**	**0.8**	**-0.5**	**82,505**	**82,279**	**82,208**	**0.3**	**0.4**
Construction	1,321	1,163	2,548	13.6	-48.2	3,275	3,058	4,613	7.1	-29.0
Transp., Comm., Pub. Util.	2,872	2,978	2,854	-3.6	0.6	6,000	6,093	5,860	-1.5	2.4
Total Trade	11,114	10,969	10,969	1.3	1.3	22,276	21,997	22,376	1.3	-0.4
Wholesale Trade	1,674	1,657	1,698	1.0	-1.4	3,611	3,589	3,568	0.6	1.2
Retail Trade	9,440	9,312	9,271	1.4	1.8	18,665	18,408	18,808	1.4	-0.8
Finan., Insur., Real Estate	1,864	1,852	1,833	0.6	1.7	3,290	3,235	3,145	1.7	4.6
Services, Mining, & Misc.	12,482	12,308	11,907	1.4	4.8	26,209	25,689	24,969	2.0	5.0
Health Services	5,624	5,505	5,219	2.2	7.8	8,935	8,833	8,467	1.2	5.5
Other Services	5,891	5,861	5,747	0.5	2.5	10,715	10,493	10,376	2.1	3.3
Government	10,488	10,547	10,244	-0.6	2.4	21,455	22,207	21,245	-3.4	1.0

Southern Minnesota

By Sue Borgfelt

Labor Force Estimates

AREA	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMP. RATE		
	Jun. 1988	May. 1988	Jun. 1987	Jun. 1988	May. 1988	Jun. 1987	Jun. 1988	May. 1988	Jun. 1987
REGION 6W	25,014	24,539	23,704	854	849	1,405	3.3	3.3	5.6
Big Stone	3,049	2,926	2,897	120	135	172	3.8	4.4	5.6
Chippewa	6,934	6,812	6,556	235	228	374	3.3	3.2	5.4
Lac Qui Parle	4,290	4,184	4,090	131	93	189	3.0	2.2	4.4
Swift	4,876	4,847	4,605	190	194	372	3.8	3.8	7.5
Yellow Medicine	5,865	5,770	5,556	178	199	298	2.9	3.3	5.1
REGION 8	60,526	59,462	57,092	2,058	2,090	3,840	3.3	3.4	6.3
Cottonwood	5,894	6,006	5,731	398	211	754	6.3	3.4	11.6
Jackson	5,414	5,290	5,029	266	201	715	4.7	3.7	12.4
Lincoln	3,366	3,241	3,264	65	131	158	1.9	3.9	4.6
Lyon	12,460	12,274	11,651	379	648	654	3.0	5.0	5.3
Murray	4,777	4,550	4,571	172	193	284	3.5	4.1	5.8
Nobles	10,498	10,163	9,904	323	280	481	3.0	2.7	4.6
Pipestone	5,761	5,654	5,074	123	90	171	2.1	1.6	3.3
Redwood	7,671	7,658	7,399	253	236	448	3.2	3.0	5.7
Rock	4,685	4,626	4,469	79	100	175	1.7	2.1	3.8
REGION 9	109,372	106,533	105,400	3,513	3,332	6,332	3.1	3.0	5.7
Blue Earth	28,232	28,510	26,571	729	618	1,095	2.5	2.1	4.0
Brown	13,839	13,148	13,258	489	447	820	3.4	3.3	5.8
Faribault	8,373	7,849	8,382	264	244	492	3.1	3.0	5.5
Le Sueur	11,800	10,717	11,326	575	538	806	4.6	4.8	6.6
Martin	11,347	11,006	11,720	509	545	1,346	4.3	4.7	10.3
Nicollet	14,473	14,616	13,622	319	300	564	2.2	2.0	4.0
Sibley	6,421	6,186	6,271	255	273	431	3.8	4.2	6.4
Waseca	8,897	8,647	8,702	255	239	504	2.8	2.7	5.5
Watonwan	5,990	5,854	5,548	118	128	274	1.9	2.1	4.7
REGION 10	223,743	218,584	207,138	6,809	6,320	10,078	3.0	2.8	4.6
Dodge	8,403	8,194	7,662	283	293	440	3.3	3.5	5.4
Fillmore	9,990	9,698	9,448	438	386	670	4.2	3.8	6.6
Freeborn	17,405	16,979	16,320	544	496	820	3.0	2.8	4.8
Goodhue	20,623	20,484	19,519	654	553	871	3.1	2.6	4.3
Houston	9,359	9,279	8,421	317	280	454	3.3	2.9	5.1
Mower	16,696	16,722	16,423	544	561	933	3.2	3.2	5.4
Olmsted	59,278	57,854	55,559	1,470	1,359	2,219	2.4	2.3	3.8
Rice	27,862	26,972	25,607	932	810	1,316	3.2	2.9	4.9
Steele	17,192	16,707	15,258	425	478	706	2.4	2.8	4.4
Wabasha	9,922	9,164	8,737	309	296	443	3.0	3.1	4.8
Winona	27,013	26,531	24,184	893	808	1,206	3.2	3.0	4.7
Rochester City	36,655	35,775	34,355	1,069	981	1,591	2.8	2.7	4.4

Note: Add employment and unemployment to calculate civilian labor force.

Rochester MSA Nonfarm Wage & Salary Employment

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987	Month Ago	Year Ago
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salary	**59,274**	**58,141**	**57,668**	**1.9**	**2.8**
Total Manufacturing	**11,445**	**10,773**	**10,734**	**6.2**	**6.6**
Durable Goods	9,390	9,045	8,725	3.8	7.6
Nondurable Goods	2,055	1,728	2,009	18.9	2.3
Total Nonmanufacturing	**47,829**	**47,368**	**46,934**	**1.0**	**1.9**
Construction & Mining	2,206	1,991	1,989	10.8	10.9
Transp., Comm., & Public Util.	1,663	1,685	1,701	-1.3	-2.2
Total Trade	11,531	11,419	11,722	1.0	-1.6
Wholesale Trade	1,251	1,236	1,195	1.2	4.7
Retail Trade	10,280	10,183	10,527	1.0	-2.3
Finan., Insur., & Real Estate	1,681	1,642	1,568	2.4	7.2
Total Services	24,685	24,540	23,954	0.6	3.1
Health Services	17,186	17,189	16,578	0.0	3.7
Other Services	7,499	7,351	7,376	2.0	1.7
Government	6,063	6,091	6,000	-0.5	1.1

The Unemployment Rate For Southern Minnesota Rises Slightly Over The Month, But Stays Down From Last Year

The unemployment rate for Southern Minnesota as a whole rose slightly from May 1988, largely an expected seasonal increase due to the number of students and graduates entering the labor force. Still, the unemployment rate was significantly down from last June, by at least 1.2 percentage points in each of the region's counties.

Nonfarm payroll employment in the Rochester MSA was up 2.8 percent over June 1987. Durable goods manufacturing and health services contributed the most new jobs, 665 and 608 respectively. Construction, durable goods manufacturing, and finance, insurance, and real estate posted the largest percentage gains over the year.

Over the month, nondurable goods manufacturing employment increased 18.9 percent (327 jobs), primarily because of seasonal hiring by food processing plants. The effects of the drought may be seen in the future. Employment in durable goods manufacturing rose by 345, and reached its highest level since September 1985. Similarly, construction employment increased by 215 positions and climbed to its highest level since August 1985. The June employment figure in construction was also the highest for this particular month since 1980.

State government employment in the Rochester MSA fell 139 positions from last month, largely due to the end of the school year. Local government increased by 111 since May. Retail trade employment has declined by 247 jobs since last year, but was still above the June figure for any year prior to 1987.

Finance, insurance, and real estate employment has fluctuated between the 1,400s and 1,500s since 1981. It has been increasing each month since December 1987 and this April passed the 1,600 mark. This June's 1,681 was 7.2 percent higher than last June's 1,568.

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Distribution of Insured Unemployed by Industry and Occupation, June 1988

Industry Attachment	Number	Percent of Total	Percent */ Long-Term Unemployed	Women as Percent of Total
TOTAL, ALL INDUSTRIES	24,400	100.0	23.0	40.7
Ag., For., Fish.	239	1.0	22.8	34.2
Mining	65	0.3	32.1	16.1
Construction	4,408	18.1	25.9	5.4
Manufacturing	5,727	23.5	21.5	39.6
Public Utilities	1,075	4.4	26.2	24.9
Wholesale Trade	1,799	7.4	25.0	36.1
Retail Trade	2,999	12.3	27.0	51.6
Fin., Ins., Re. Est.	1,179	4.8	34.1	64.5
Services	5,997	24.6	18.0	62.2
Public Admin.	329	1.3	20.3	55.7
Info. Not Available	583	2.4	7.2	33.0

Distribution of Insured Unemployed, by Age and Sex, June 1988

Age Groups	Number	Percent Distribution		
		Men of Totals	Men of Men	Women of Women
TOTALS	24,400	59.5	100.0	100.0
Under 45	17,847	60.3	74.1	71.7
Under25	2,256	59.8	9.3	9.2
25-34	8,775	61.6	37.2	34.2
35-44	6,816	58.9	27.6	28.3
45 and over	6,553	57.3	25.9	28.3
45-54	3,827	56.7	14.9	16.8
55 and over	2,726	58.3	11.0	11.5

Experienced Supply/Job Openings Demand **/

Occupational Attachment					Applicants (Supply) June 1988	Job Openings (Demand) June 1988	Supply/Demand Ratio June 1988	Supply/Demand Ratio June 1988
TOTAL, ALL OCCUPATIONS	24,400	100.0	23.0	40.7	67,932	35,180	1.9	3.9
Prof., Tech., Mgr.	5,975	24.5	24.3	47.9	11,119	4,160	2.7	5.5
Clerical	3,483	14.3	24.0	83.7	12,073	4,961	2.4	4.1
Sales	1,205	4.9	29.3	35.6	4,037	3,663	1.1	1.8
Services	1,807	7.4	21.7	60.9	8,414	11,639	0.7	1.9
Farm, For., Fish.	223	0.9	16.2	16.7	4,587	1,442	3.2	27.9
Processing	868	3.6	11.3	44.0	1,307	1,711	0.8	1.1
Machine Trades	1,293	5.3	20.7	18.2	3,818	988	3.9	7.5
Benchwork	1,828	7.5	20.1	63.1	4,027	1,395	2.9	3.6
Structural Work	4,881	20.0	24.8	2.3	9,140	2,171	4.2	12.8
Misc., and INA	2,837	11.6	21.3	23.8	9,410	3,050	3.1	4.2

*/ Long-term unemployed refers to unemployment insurance claimants whose current spell of unemployment has lasted 15 weeks or longer.
**/ Inexperienced and improperly coded job applicants are not included in this table.